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SUBJECT: BOURGUIBA'S STATEMENT ON ISRAELI ATTACK IN BEIRUT

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AT BEGINNING OF HIS SPEECH TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY APRIL 12,
PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS CONCERNING EVENTS
IN BEIRUT:

" FOLLOWING ODIOUS CRIMES COMMITTED IN BEIRUT BY ZIONIST
COMMANDOS WHO ENTERED CAPITAL OF INDEPENDENT STATE, ASSASSINATED
THREE PALESTINIAN LEADERS, SLAUGHTERED MEN AND WOMEN, SOWED
DEATH AND DESTRUCTION, I AM ANXIOUS TO EXPRESS, IN THIS PAINFUL
CIRCUMSTANCE, THE SOLIDARITY OF TUNISIA, ITS PRESIDENT AND ITS
PEOPLE, WITH OUR PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE BROTHERS.

" WE DENOUNCE THESE UNSPEAKABLE ACTS WHICH CONSTITUTE DEFIANCE
OF THE MOST ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF RIGHTS OF MEN, OF
INTERNATIONAL MORALITY, AND DECISIONS OF UN.

" WE GIVE OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF VICTIMS.

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OUR HOPE IS THAT SURVIVING HEADS OF PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE
WILL NOT BE DISCOURAGED OR INTIMIDATED AND WILL PURSUE THE
STRUGGLE WITHOUT LETTING UP UNTIL FINAL VICTORY. THIS, WAS
WAS CASE IN TUNISIA, DEPENDS ESSENTIALLY ON TENACITY. THEY
MUST, THEREFORE, HOLD FAST, OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND CONSENT TO
SACRIFICES UNTIL DAY WHEN, WITHIN ISRAEL, THINKING EVOLVES TO
THE EXTENT THAT THEIR SYSTEM OF VALUES IS TRANSFORMED.
MOREOVER, FAVORABLE CURRENT IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO BE FELT
IS ISRAEL AND TEL AVIV GOVERNMENT CONFRONTS STRONGER AND
STRONGER OPPOSITION TO THIS POLICY OF AGGRESSION.
" IN ORDER TO MANIFEST OUR SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PALESTINIAN AND
LEBANESE BROTHERS, I PROPOSE THAT TOMORROW, AFTER FRIDAY
PRAYERS, A ' PRAYER FOR THE ABSENT DEAD' BE ORGANIZED IN ALL
MOSQUES OF TUNISIA IN MEMORY OF FALLEN MARTYRS IN BEIRUT."
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